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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) has introduced a scheme to focus rural handicrafts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of medium and rural clusters identified for promotion of rural handicrafts in various States, State-wise;

(d) whether any such scheme is also proposed for tribal handicraft products in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) has undertaken Cluster Projects under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) of the Ministry of Rural Development to provide sustainable livelihood to craftsmen below poverty level by imparting training to them for skill and product development.

(c) : Presently Craft Clusters are in operation at five places namely Birbhum in West Bengal, Surendranagar in Gujarat, Kozhikode in Kerala, Hampi in Karnataka and Dhar in Madhya Pradesh.

(d) & (e) : The Cluster Projects cover several selected handicrafts of the region including tribal handicraft.